

under the same political society, and this natural right universally acknowledged and protected by laying the navigable rivers open to all their inhabitants. (From a report on Negotiation with Spain, 1705, F. V., 135.)

NAVIGATION.—Our navigation involves still higher considerations. As a branch of industry, it is valuable, but also, as a means of defense essential. Its value as a branch of industry is enhanced by the dependence of many other things on it. In times of general peace it multiplies employment in transportation, and so keeps that at its proper level; and in times of war, that is to say, when those nations who may be our principal carriers, shall be at war with each other, if we have not within ourselves the means of transporting our produce must be expected in hell; emit money, and the expense of war, freight and insurance, and through it—U-s which will not bear that much perish therein.

But it is as a source of defense that our navy will admit neither leniency nor forbearance. The powers of the United States leave them no room to tear on their land-board, and nothing to trespass beyond their proper rights. But on their sea board they are open to invasion, and they have there, too, a commerce which must be protected. This commerce may be destroyed by a respectable number of ships and of artists and establishments in readiness for shipboard. (From a report on the Commerce of the United States, 1793, F. VI., 480.)

NAVY.—We have two plans to pursue. The one to carry nothing for ourselves and thereby render our rivalry inviolable to the European states, the other (which our country will be for) is to carry as much as possible, for which will require a protecting force on the sea. In the former, in Europe, every one which is a single ship of force may dictate to us and enforce their demands by captures on our commerce. Stunne naval force, through, is necessary if we intend to be commercial. (To James Monroe, 1795, 135. IV., 135.)

NAVY.—I shall have to attend to the Secretary of the Navy. General Smith is performing the duties of the Secretary, us